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COPY DATE for our next issue, the Christmas edition will be FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER 1978. There are still one or two advertisement spaces left and anyone wanting to advertise events or send seasonal greetings, please contact Jane Rose at Stone House, New Street (phone 463) as soon as possible.

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Our JUMBLE SALE last month raised a splendid £66.50, and donations received around the same time from Mr. & Mrs. Wray, Mrs Elizabeth Ware, Mr. Norman Bothams, Canon & Mrs. South and Hempton Residents Association brought us another £22, so we are financially secure for a while longer. Thank you one and all for giving jumble, helping at the sale, and for your individual donations. A special word of thanks to Edna and Fred England at the Crown & Tuns who suggested the sale and provided a lot of its contents.

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You might well have noticed that our Deddington TELEPHONE NUMBERS are a bit chaotic at the moment. The new Oxford Area telephone directory gives all Deddington numbers as beginning 38... . This publication was meant to coincide with the opening of the automatic exchange scheduled for this autumn, but the recent telephone engineers' dispute has held things up. The 5-figure numbers cannot be used until sometime next year and the Post Office don't yet know precisely when. So Deddington numbers still have 3 figures, like 611 for the Health Centre, or 4 figures like 8015 for the Mirror Image photocopying service.

The unfortunate few with old numbers beginning 38. are continually being plagued with wrong numbers and the Post Office engineers seem unable to do anything about it. So please if you are dialling a Deddington number, continue to use the old 3 or 4 figure numbers as before, until we are advised differently.

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Deddington's JUBILEE BOOK, the record of our 1977 Silver Jubilee celebrations, is in the process of being assembled. John Morgan at the Primary School has taken on the job, with help from Rita Callwood and Mary Robinson. If anyone has any pictorial souvenir suitable for inclusion in the book, which it is hoped will eventually be housed in the library, please contact Ken Garrett or John Morgan.

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The Great War of 1914-18 was bloody, the Central Powers' dead amounting to about eight and a half million and the Allies just over five million. Our parish had 48 men killed out of a total population of around 1500. Not far from the memorial which records their names, under a line of linden trees is the grave of Major Lloyd.

Humphrey Lloyd was born in 1892, the son of an army officer, and educated at Blundels School and Cambridge. He was commissioned in the Wiltshire Regiment in 1913 and as a subaltern he went with his battalion to France in August 1914. He fought at Mons, Le Cateau and on the Aisne and Marne. On the 27th of October 1914, near Neuve Chapelle, in an action in which he was awarded the DSO he was taken prisoner.

His P.O.W camp was in a barracks at Krefeld on the Rhine and housed mainly Russians captured at the battle of Tannerberg. Never one to remain idle he learned Russian. Escape was never far from his thoughts and after an abortive attempt with a Russian officer, the Germans court martialled him. They fined him thirty marks, then about £3 probably, and he was defended by a German officer who had been a barrister. On the 27th January 1917, returning to Krefeld from this court, he escaped from a train via a lavatory window. That winter was a severe one apparently, but despite frostbite he crossed into Holland, then neutral. He was shipped home and awarded the Military Cross for the escape.

These facts I was fortunate to glean from a book which he had written but never published, called "Off The Beaten Track". Along the way I found two fellow officers who are still alive and who were captured with him at Neuve Chapelle in 1914. There are fascinating chapters in the book about the White Russian campaign in 1918, a spell as a Military Attache between 1924-8 to the newly formed Baltic States, and a tour in Shanghai in 1929 with his regiment. 1940 found him back in France yet again and he finished the war in Persia on the staff of the Military Mission. He retired from the army in 1946.

Why do I write of him? Partly because of a fascination with the Great War and partly because I had a brother in the same regiment during the war who might have known him. Also because I think that it is fitting to remember, however fleetingly, around November 11th, the dead of this and other wars. Forty eight men out of a population of 1500 is a lot. Spare them all a thought if you walk through the churchyard.

Bill Drake

1ST DEDDINGTON CUB SCOUTS

On Monday 30th October the Cubs had a Halloween Party with games, refreshments and a halloween mask and lantern competition. All of the masks were of a very high standard - Ian Wilkins being judged the best. Eight boys made lanterns all of which were very good and they were warded points for their sixes.

Peter Scarr has attained his collectors badge. We are pleased to welcome the following three Cubs to the world of scouting - Stuart Junor, Martin Lightbody and Andrew Shepherd.

Remembrance Day Service All Cubs should be at the Bull Ring, Deddington, in uniform on Sunday 12th November, for 10.30 a.m parade.

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W. I.

Deddington W.I. met at the Holly Tree Club on October 10th. Among the many members who attended we were pleased to see two new faces. Our yearly programme has something to interest everyone - travel talks with slides, demonstrations on cookery, arts and crafts and first aid, and numerous outings to name but a few.

Ladies if you are interested in the Womens Institute, do call in and see us, any second Tuesday in the month at the Holly Tree Club at 7.30 p.m.

At our meeting this month Mrs. Edgington from Hook Norton took us on "A Walk Through the Garden" with slides of various shrubs and plants. Mrs. Garrett welcomed Mrs. Edgington and Mrs. Ivings thanked her for an interesting and enjoyable eveinng and for visiting us at such short notice. Our competition "An Unusual Pot Plant" was won by Mrs. Plumb, 2nd Mrs. Caporn, 3rd Mrs. Sanders.

Ann Bowen

DEDDINGTON SCOUTS

We entered a team of "fishermen" in the District Fishing Competition but unfortunately our total catch was rather small and we were not placed, but anyway, well done boys for trying.

We had to call off the camp at Youlbury as the numbers able to go did not warrant the effort in organising the event. Perhaps we will be able to go one weekend just for the day, spending the day abseiling and taking advantage of the facilities at the site.

Sunday 12th November is Remembrance Sunday. We shall as usual be parading with the Cubs, Guides, Brownies and British Legion. The Parade starts at 10.30 a.m from the Bull Ring. I hope that all our mums and dads will support us.

Tickets are now available for our Christmas Draw from any Scouter. If any parent can help us by selling them to friends, neighbours or themselves I would appreciate it, as profits will be put aside for much needed equipment.

This last month has been somewhat trying as far as the Scout Hut is concerned. For those who may not know, the Hut is a small room on the end of one of the wings of the Windmill School and we have a lease with Oxfordshire County Council for the use of this building which includes lighting as well as toilets.

The County Council appear to be dragging their feet over the Windmill School Complex, but they were extremely quick off the mark to turn off the electricity to the whole complex (except the large hall). The Cubs and Scouts were literally left in the dark as nobody had told them what was going on. A few days later, a workman spent a whole day draining water from the heating system and toilets. Telephone calls eventually achieved results and we now have lighting and toilet facilities. With winter fast approaching the Scouters and Guiders decided that something had to be done about heating, and the generous loan of a mobile gas heater has now meant that we can continue to hold meetings in some comfort during the winter.

May I implore the Parish Council to consider all the youth movements in Deddington when they are negotiating with the County Council over the Windmill School Hall. The Scouts lease on their Hut expires next June and that isn't very far away. We would dearly love a place of our own.

Robin Stammers, Scout Leader

HOLLY TREE CLUB

The Holly Tree Club members had a delightful evening on Monday, October 23rd. We had been given complimentary tickets by the Banbury Amateur Operatic Society for their dress rehersal at Wykham Hall. The weather was at its best, after a lovely day, and we enjoyed the coach ride.

On arrival we were met by the Agent and treated like V.I.P's - seats in the front rows, with a splendid view of the stage and close contact with the orchestra. It was a great production of "The Sound of Music" and nonstop from start to finish. No sooner had the curtain closed than it was opened again, time passed too quickly for us. The actors gave a good performance and the children were most entertaining and word perfect. I would have liked more "solo" from Mother Abbess.

During the interval, I was one of the first in for a "little of what you fancy" but "oh calamity" it was teetotal, but the "cuppa" was hot and refreshing. The second half was as good as the first, with the added attraction of a beautiful butterfly which flew across the stage and landed on Liesel's dress. The actors carried on regardless and I don't think they noticed it. The scenery and lighting were perfect, and the orchestra kept good time under their young conductor.

Before the "Show" we bought raffle tickets and four of our members were lucky. Mrs. Shrewsbury, Mrs. Newell, Mrs. Sykes and Mrs. Louther returned to the coach triumphant with their cakes. We returned home from "The Sound of Music" after a perfect day and on a happy note.

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Your children will be welcome (childrens chairs and cutlery available) but preferably early in the evening. The Restaurant is fully licensed and we have a Supper Hour Certificate.

So ..... remember, remember the 4th of December.

See you then,

Allen & Margret Gilbert.

NOTES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 25 OCTOBER 1978

Present: Donald Welford (Chairman), Charles Fuller, Roger Gardner, Kenneth Garrett, Monty Spencer, Robert Stevens.

1. It was decided to write to the Department of the Environment regarding the dangerous state of the Castle Grounds Excavations Site.

2. A meeting is to be held at the Health Centre at 7.30 p.m on Tuesday, 21st November to discuss the care of the elderly. Anyone interested is welcome.

3. Michael Billington has tended his resignation. After the usual formalities of notifying the electorate of the vacancy have been gone through, unless any other candidates are put forward, Mr. Chris Isaac could be co-opted at the next meeting.

4. One of the Castle Grounds swings is broken and dangerous, and enquiries are to be made as to whether Wicksteeds could send a swing seat that can be fixed by someone locally.

5. Mr. Malcolm Riley addressed a letter to the Council suggesting that the lane running between Earls Lane and Victoria Terrace might assume the name Paternoster Lane, which was the name Canon George Palmer always gave it. Mr. Fuller thought the lane was already called Tyler's Gateway. (The cottage at the south end is called Tay's Gateway). The Clerk was asked to verify the name before the matter could be discussed further.

6. Councillors were asked to come to next month's meeting with suggestions for a name for the development off The Daedings.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, 22nd November at 7 p.m.

Jill Cheeseman

DEDDINGTON MOTHERS UNION & YOUNG FAMILIES

For those of you who know little about the Mothers Union and Young Families, it is a world-wide society specially concerned with all that strengthens and preserves Marriage and Christian family life. Membership is open to all those who have been baptised.

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The next ploughmans lunch will be held in the Holly Tree Club at 12.45 on Tuesday, 21st November. On the same day at 2.15 p.m. also at the Holly Tree Club there will be a talk on "Prayer in the Family". Anyone who would like to come to either or both of these will be most welcome.

Jean elford

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DEDDINGTON TURNED UPSIDE DOWN
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A new show, called The World Turned Upside Down, has recently opened in London. It is based on the book of the same name by the distinguished historian Christopher Hill; it is about England in the 17th century. It was the time of the Civil War and many revolutionary ideas - some of the "lower orders" dared suggest that all Englishmen should have the vote! But most people were a good deal more old fashioned. What worried them was the attack on ancient customs begun by the Reformation and continued by Puritan-minded clergy.

Deddingtonians were outraged during the annual perambulation of the parish boundaries of 1631 when their vicar, the Rev. William Brudenell, refused to wear his surplice or to give a gospel reading at the customary spot, where the usual cross had been carved in the earth. But Mr. Brudenell was only following a royal injunction of 70 years earlier.

The "perambulation", which still survives in some parts of England in the ceremony of "beating the bounds" was, in theory, to ensure that the boundaries had not been encroached on during the previous year. But in the middle ages it had been accompanied by prayers at set places so that "God's word will utter ... his virtue ... and those noisome spirits of the air shall do no hurt at all to our corn and cattle." And behind this lay pagan fertility rites. The medieval Church had hoped to Christianise them, the Reformed Anglican Church aimed to do away with them. It felt that far too many people still superstitiously attributed magical powers to Church ritual.

The people of Deddington did not care whether they were thought superstitious nor whether their vicar was following Church rules. "Charming of the fields" was customary and the reverend was expected to keep to the good old ways. But Brudenell, Puritan though he might be, was still the vicar. He curtly enquired, " to what end" he should read from the gospel. The reason, as he well knew, was that most people reckoned a reading from God's word had magical qualities which a homily, or devotional exercise written by a mere man, lacked. But without pausing, the vicar hautily observed that "He would not stand to a hole, which any shepherd or boy might make for aught he knew" and, without further ado, "went further on and stood in a ditch under an elder tree", where he read a homily as the Church rules required. Another year, however, he refused to make the perambulation at all, wanting to know to what purpose that was supposedto serve and "whether it would be any benefit or profit to the poor".

All this was hardly revolutionary politics, but breaking fine old traditions in the interests of the poor can hardly have seemed quite the thing to the "substantial men of the parish" who traditionally took part in the ceremonial procession. Let the vicar stand to the hole and to the rest of the grand old ways of merrie England, they must have thought.

Geoffrey Hindley

"SALLY ANNE" COLLECTION

The total collected in Deddington on the night of 23rd October totalled £60.10½. Our many thanks to all who contributed and to the volunteers who gave of their time to achieve this splendid result.

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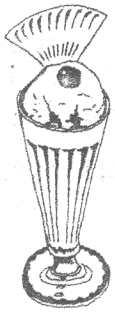

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The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held on Thursday, October 26th. Despite the extensive distribution of a newsletter, (courtesy of John Webber) and an invitation by the Association to all residents to partake of beer, wine and cheese without charge (squash and crisps for the children) - thanks to Julie Webber and Walter Caporn - the attendance was abysmally low.

The newly elected Committee is as follows:-

Chairman: John Webber
Secretary: John Whitehead
Treasurer: Janet Isaac
Committee: Walter Caporn, Sue Millard and Betty Waller

and the retiring Committee were thanked for their services during 1977/78.

The incoming Committee would like to express regret at the retirement of the Chairperson, Lesley Tombs, and gratitude for all her hard work in recent years.

John Whitehead, Secretary

HEMPTON CHALLENGES DEDDINGTON AND CLIFTON

SLIDE COMPETITION AT HEMPTON CHURCH AND HALL 7p.m. Tuesday 21st November

Are there any slide (35 mm transparency) photographes in Deddington and Clifton capable of taking on those in Hempton in this competition?

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C.R.M. Isaac

IN BRIEF

The TOWN HALL PAINTING has run into problems. The intrepid band of volunteers has found that the upper reaches are going to be rather hazardous from the top of ladders, so help is being sought from local builders and roofing specialists in providing scaffolding. Alternatively the work may be done professionally and estimates are to be sought.

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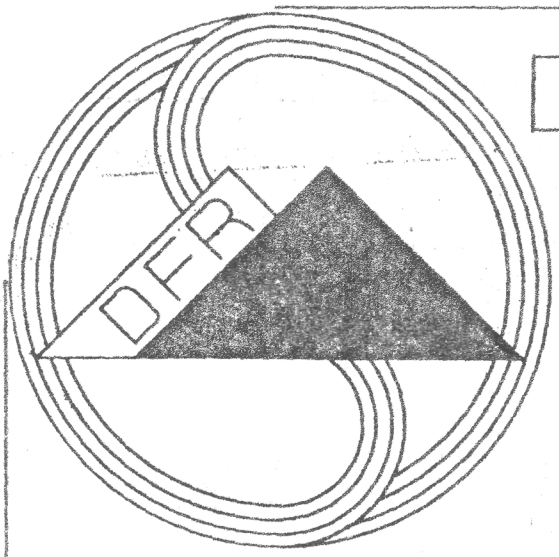

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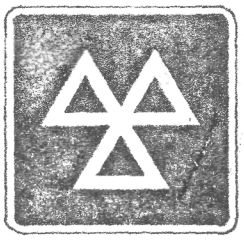

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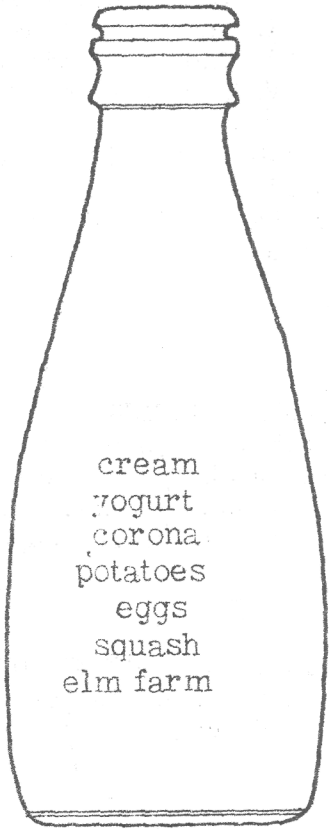

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Harvest Supper: This was a very special occasion because it was also the farewell to our retiring vicar, Canon George Palmer and his wife, Nora. One hundred and forty people gathered in our Church School to enjoy the supper organised by Betty and Seymour Francis and as usual there was plenty for everyone. Master of Ceremonies, Walter Caporn took the rest of the evening in hand and there followed an appreciation by Captain Ted Johnson of George and Nora's work in Deddington during the past 15 years. Then Maurice Renwick presented a framed coloured photograph of the interior of the church, decorated for the Jubilee celebrations last year, together with a cheque for £280 from the parishioners.

Michael O'Neill offered his own gift - a beautifully carved wooden picture of the church and Heather Duxbury then presented Nora with a bouquet of flowers. There followed a tape recorded message from Switzerland and music specially sung by the Choir of Holy Trinity Church, Geneva where George took part at the wedding of Veronica (Johnson) and Jan's wedding a short time ago.

At this point the Motley Singers were introduced, some of them much resembling members of the church choir, and the Harvest Anthem "Thou Visitest the Earth" was beautifully sung. Next came an unaccompanied rendering of the 151st (!) psalm, although only recently discovered. Then a French song about hats and wine (we think?) - followed by a cleverly illustrated song about the improvements to the church during the past fifteen years.

A knocking on the outer door heralded the arrival of "Bridie" the Irish maid, suspiciously like Vivien Edmonds who, despite the efforts of the church wardens, gained entry and proceeded to remind George and Nora of events real or imaginery that they might prefer to have forgotten - but this gave everyone a good laugh.

Finally we all sang "So long it's been good to know you". Words were provided and it was sung to a familiar tune. Then came the large iced cake bearing fifteen candles, specially made by Mary Churchill. This was shared out with the coffee to round off a wonderful evening.

Full Peel of Bells: A very successful peel of Grand Sire Triples with 5,040 Changes, lasting 2 hours 54 minutes was rung by our bellringers on Saturday, 7th October in honour of our retiring vicar. The ringers were:- Treble - F Ivings; 2nd - A W Ivings; 3rd - R A Reeves; 4th - C Holmes; 5th - W Ivings; 6th - M W Coleman; 7th - B J Davies (conductor); Tenor - C R Phipps.

Remembrance Sunday: November 12th: The service at the War Memorial will commence at 10.50 a.m. followed by a Remembrance Service in church.

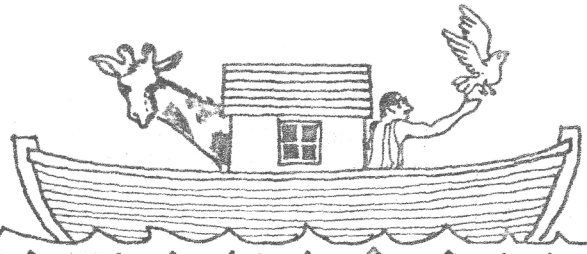
Vicar of Deddington: It is with great pleasure that we learn that the Rev. Richard Hannah will commence his ministry in Deddington on December 12th. The service of appointment as Parish Priest, at which the new Bishop of Oxford will officiate, will be on Friday, January 5th at 8 p.m.

Jean and Doug Ward.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are holding our annual Christmas Fair in the Wesleyan Schoolroom on Saturday November 25th at 2.30 p.m. There will be numerous stalls including New and Almost New, Cake, Produce, Book and Toy, and of course a tea stall. Father Christmas is coming too, with his sack full of toys - don't miss him, because he may not be back until Christmas Eve.

Eddie Lines



OLD NOAH ANTIQUES

MARKET PLACE, DEDDINGTON

URGENTLY WANTED

Desks
Bureaux
Dressers
Chairs
Tables
Coal Boxes
Music Stools
Marble Top Wash Stands

Pictures
Silver
Jug & Basin Sets
Warming Pans
Ornaments & Implements
in copper, brass, glass
and china

Anything old or interesting

TOP PRICES PAID

Single items or complete households; We will view any time without obligation; To talk about it RING DEDDINGTON 259

HAYWARDS of DEDDINGTON

Market Square Deddington

263

Grocers
Greengrocers
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Wines & Spirits
Kodak Films
Cameras & Accessories
Films Developed & Printed
Pre-Packed Fuels
Esso Blue Paraffin
MOBILE SHOP SERVICE
(6 mile radius)
Orders taken and delivered
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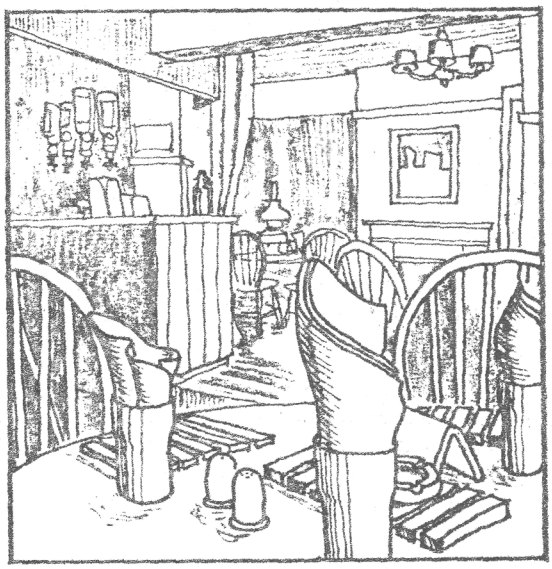

Hotel Russell

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LICENSED RESTAURANT

a la carte menu
Bed and Breakfast
Morning Coffee, Lunch
Teas. (Cream), Dinner
Room for parties or meetings

DEDDINGTON PLAYGROUP

Friday 3rd November saw the first of our bonfire and fireworks displays. It turned out to be a very successful evening and we hope all who came enjoyed themselves.

The Lions Club of Banbury have asked me to make a collection of toys that have had their use in their present homes. They want them to repair and touch up where necessary, to sell in their Christmas shop in Banbury for local charity funds. Toys in any condition will be accepted at my home, 5 The Daedings, Deddington (tel 8145) during week beginning November 6th.

Playgroup Christmas Bazaar will be held this year on Saturday 2nd December at 2.00 p.m. at the playgroup hut. Father Christmas will be present in his Grotto, as well as many stalls, such as cake stall, nearly new, Christmas stall, ginger stall, white elephant stall and second hand toys and books. We will also be having a Christmas Draw and tickets will shortly be on sale. Everyone is welcome and we hope you will mark the date in your diary, and help to make it an enjoyable occasion.

Carol Langstaff, Secretary

DEDDINGTON BROWNIES

The Pack will be attending the Remembrance Sunday Service as usual, and I hope as many Brownies will come as possible. We are assembling in the Bull Ring at 10.30 with everybody else.

On Friday 1st December Brownies and Guides from the whole of Deddington District are gathering at Bloxham Church for a "Khris Tingle" service at 6 p.m. This is in aid of the Church of England Children's Homes and our Pack will be going. Parents are most welcome as well and it should be a lovely service. There will be a candlelit procession around the church at one point - each candle representing 50p. collected for the children's homes.

Vivien Pleydell-Bouverie

DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

At a time when there is so much controversy about new concepts of teaching, we felt it would be useful to invite an expert to talk about one of the areas of mutual interest, NEW MATHS. Miss M. Bews, who is North Oxfordshire's primary educational adviser, will be talking about New Maths in Primary School in the school hall on Tuesday 14 November. There will be coffee at 7.30 p.m., and Miss Bews's talk will start at about 7.45 p.m. Mrs A. Bloom, a member of the maths department of the Warriner School, will also be present.

You will have the opportunity to try your hand at New Maths yourselves, which should prove interesting! Don't miss this opportunity - we can help our children more effectively if we, the parents, are better informed about how mathematics teaching is being approached these days.

On Saturday 18 November at 10.00 a.m. we shall have a Market Stall at the Town Hall in Deddington Market Place. Any contributions of clothes, books, toys, general jumble, home and garden produce for the stall will be gratefully received at the school up to Friday 17 November.

Moya Hassan

DEDDINGTON C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

So far this term we have held two inter-school football matches. On Saturday 23rd September we played Croughton P. School and lost 7 - 3 but in the return game on Wednesday 27th September we won 5 - 1. This ability to pick ourselves up bodes well for the future and we look forward to our home game with Ayno P. School on 15th November. The girls will also have a netball game on the same bill, and we are in the process of arranging other matches against Adderbury, and other local schools.

We have started a school Morris Dancing team, in the tradition of the former Deddington Morris Men (1934 - 1938), and hope to be dancing out next summer. Also we are about to recommence Country Dancing.

A most important date for your diary. Thursday December 14th at 7.15 p.m. in church. Our Carol Concert and Christmas Play - "The Coming of the Kings". All welcome.

I should be most grateful if parents of pre-school children, that is all children under five, would furnish me with details of their children's names and dates of birth so that an accurate estimate may be made of our school roll into the 1980's. Please telephone, write or just drop in whenever you can.

W.S. Duxbury

1ST DEDDINGTON GUIDES

Our annual quiz contest against 2nd Bloxham and 1st Sibford Guides was most enjoyable although Deddington did not retain the shield....or to put it another way we lost!

Each company entered two teams, during the first part of the evening, to take part in three challenges. The first challenge involved dealing with a first aid incident, the second involved knotting and making camp gadgets and the third was a hilarious session making hats out of odds and ends and decorating them. The marks for each section were totted up and the winning team from each company went through to the quiz.

Our team of Judith Humphries, Karen Brain, Clare Castle and Ruth Drake battled on through various rounds answering questions on emergency situations, nature, knowledge of the movement and mysterious sounds but in spite of enthusiastic and noisy support we were beaten into 3rd place. 2nd Bloxham, very worthy winners, were presented with the shield by Mr. Rippin of Kings Sutton who also did a marvellous job as Question Master.

We get very little opportunity to meet up with other companies or take part in combined activities so we were glad of this chance to renew old friendships within the Guide movement, and we look forward to next year's contest.

On Halloween night we held a memorable enrolment evening, when we welcomed four guides into the company during a candlight ceremony. After candle relays and other hectic activities we rounded the evening off with popcorn and cocoa.

On Tuesday December 5th 7.30 - 9p.m. we plan to hold an open evening for all parents, friends and neighbours. There will be refreshments and "penny"stalls when the Guides hope to raise some money for the Church of England children society, so they will be able to carry a patrol candle at the Bloxham Rangers Khris Tingle service in December. We will also have various guide displays and finish off with some entertainment and carols - everyone is welcome - please come along and meet us, at the Windmill Hall.

Maggie Rampley

DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

League News:- Progress is good with Deddington in third position and two points behind. Our last two league matches against Cropredy resulted in two wins 3 - 2 home 3 - 1 away. This leaves us in a very strong position as we still have to meet Tysoe home and away. Tysoe presently head our division.

Junior Shield:- Cassington are our next opponents and heres hoping that we deal with them in the same way as Newlands, but there is still a long way to go in this competition.

Oxford Charity Cup:- This is a very high standard of football with mostly senior league clubs taking part, and although we were put out of this cup by Merton 1 - 0, this I think is no disgrace.

Reserves:- Still with only one lost game behind them our reserves are really pulling out all the stops to keep the Deddington flag flying in the Jersey League. Keep on truckin' boys.

Rodney Hayward

DEDDINGTON BOWLS CLUB

The Annual General Meeting was held on 1st November at Earl's Court, by courtesy of Mr and Mrs Fuller, with M. Williams in the Chair. Present: Mr and Mrs C. Fuller, F.J.Robins, Mr and Mrs A.N. Basford, F.T. Deely, W.H. Minnear, M. Williams E. Young, A. Evans, B. Hall, L.E. Hudson, T.P. Walker, E. Smith, B. Wright, E. Basin, J.M. Humphreys and F.N. Crofts.

A short silence was observed for Mr J.P. Scott a Vice-President, who died during the year.

The accounts, which were presented and passed, showed a small increase in the balance in hand. The officers elected for the coming year were: Patron - J.M. French, President - F.J. Robins, Vice-Presidents - F.T. Deely and A.N. Basford. Secretary and Treasurer - C. Fuller, Captain - W.H. Minnear, Vice-Captain - F.N. Crofts. O.B.A. Representative - M. Williams.

A discussion took place about the fixtures for next year. Among other matters it was decided that a simplified method should be adopted for the selection of teams, which would relieve the Captain of a considerable burden, that a fee of 25p. should be charged from each member for each away match and the sum collected should be divided among members whose cars were used for the journeys; that the annual subscription should be increased to £6 and that each round of competitions must be completed by a date to be fixed in advance.

Entries to County Competitions were noted. The meeting thanked Mr Deely for his continued meticulous care of the Green, and his honorariam was increased. Mrs Fuller and the Ladies who have helped her were thanked for providing refreshments at home matches and it was agreed that the customary presents should be given to them.

The Cups were presented to the winners, the singles at F.T. Deely, the Pairs to J.M. Humphreys and L.E. Hudson. The meeting closed with thanks to Mr and Mrs Fuller for their hospitality.

Frank Crofts

WANTED: Person with chain saw to cut up logs. Phone 272

DEDDINGTON LADIES

We were all disappointed that our speaker was unable to come at the eleventh hour for our meeting on November 1st, but it was an enjoyable evening just the same. We began with a bring and buy which raised over £12 towards our Christmas events. We followed this with a Beetle Drive - hilarious and chaotic as always. The winners of the magnificent "silver" Beetle trophy and handsome prizes were Juliet O'Kane and Chris Smith - well done ladies - a fine win over some fierce opposition.

During the final part of the evening Mrs Pam Storey brought some lovely books along from the Bookmark range for us to choose from. A very successful night.

Christmas Events

1. Saturday 2nd December, 3.30p.m. to 6p.m. Annual Old Folks Christmas party at the Wesleyan Hall, musical entertainment provided! All senior citizens will be welcome so please look out for the list in the Post Office and put your name down in plenty of time. We can help with transport if anyone is stuck so please ask.

2. On Wednesday 6th December, we are holding our own Christmas buffet and disco for members in the British Legion Hall at 8p.m.

3. Saturday 13th January, 1979 member's children under 5's Christmas party 3.30 - 5.30p.m. in the British Legion Hall and 6 - 8p.m. older children's disco.

Our AGM is planned for Wednesday, January 10th at 8p.m. in the Holly Tree Club.

Maggie Rampley

WHAT'S ON

NOVEMBER	12:	Remembrance Day Parade & Service (organisations assemble 10.30a.m. in the Bull Ring)
	14:	New Maths in Primary School 7.30p.m.
	18:	PTA Market Stall, Market Place 10.00 a.m.
	18:	Deddington Town F.C. v. Cropredy, K.O. 2.30 - Away
	21:	Health Centre meeting on Care of the Elderly 7.30 p.m.
	21:	Hempton Youth Club Slide Competition 7.00 p.m. Hempton Church Hall
	21:	Mothers Union Ploughmans Lunch (12.45) and Talk (2.15)
	22:	Parish Council Meeting 7.00 p.m.
	25:	Congregational Church Christmas Fair, Wesleyan Schoolroom 2.30 p.m.
	25:	Deddington Town F.C. v. Tysoe, K.O. 2.30 - Home
DECEMBER	1:	Brownies & Guides "Khris Tingle" Service, Bloxham Church 6.00 p.m.
	2:	Playgroup Christmas Bazaar 2.00 p.m., Playgroup Hut
	2:	Warriner School Christmas Fayre
	2:	Deddington Ladies Old Folks Christmas Party, Wesleyan Hall 3.30p.m.
	2:	Deddington Town F.C./Cassington v. Fritwell, Junior Shield
	5:	Guides Open Evening 7.30 p.m.
	6:	Deddington Ladies Christmas buffet and disco, British Legion Hall
	7:	Mothers Union Christmas Party, Holly Tree Club 8.0p.m. (8p.m.
	9:	Deddington Town F.C. v. Wroxton, K.O. 2.00 - Away
	14:	Primary School play "The Coming of the Kings" and Carol Concert, Church 7.15 p.m.
JANUARY 1979	5:	Service of appointment of Rev. Richard Hannah 8.00 p.m.
	10:	Deddington Ladies AGM, Holly Tree Club 8.00 p.m.
	13:	Deddington Ladies Children's Party and Disco, British Legion Hall, 3.30 p.m.